

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2008

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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 21

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, Albers, Greenfield, Hoerth, Koetzle, Maher, McNenny, Schmidt (Dennis), Smidt (Orville), and Two Bulls and Representatives Putnam, Buckingham, Dykstra, Elliott, Gassman, Howie, Jerke, McLaughlin, Moore, Nygaard, and Olson (Betty)

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the Patriot Guard Riders of South Dakota and their unwavering respect for those who risk their lives for America's freedom and security.

WHEREAS, the Patriot Guard Riders' main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes including veterans, policemen, and firefighters; to show their respects; and to shield the mourning families from any interruptions created by protestors; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot Guard Riders' motto is "Standing for Those Who Stood for US" and "Riding with Respect"; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot Guard Riders have developed a sincere commitment to their community as well as their country. Their activities include flag lines when soldiers come home, volunteering at the VA hospitals and the State Veterans Home, building homes for soldiers, and attending the Old Glory's Journey of the Remembrance at the Black Hills National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, members of the Patriot Guard Riders, who are not only riders and veterans but also come from all walks of life, try to attend as many missions as possible regardless of the situation; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of the Patriot Guard Riders of South Dakota have an unwavering commitment to their organization, their members, and their mission. The South Dakota leaders include High Plains Regional Captain Lance Bultena; South Dakota State Captain Tom Wright; Assistant State Captain Jim Lentsch; Ride Captain Gary Miller; Ride Captain Gary Saxhaug; Ride Captain Glen Tally; Ride Captain Jon Messerschmidt; Ride Captain Jeff Anderson; Ride Captain Ed Kruse; Red, White, and Blue Coordinator Jon Messerschmidt; Help on the Homefront Coordinator Cleta Lentsch; Assistant HOTH Coordinator Pat Baird; and Assistant HOTH Coordinator Annette Kruse:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Patriot Guard Riders of South Dakota be honored for their selfless contributions to the fallen heroes of South Dakota and their steadfast commitment to

their communities and state.